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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Japanese Official Action dated October 27, 2005, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 10-2003-0057307, in which the following documents were cited:

International Patent Publication No. WO 02/03895, together with Patent Family member U.S. Patent No. 6,716,245. Applicants note that the International publication was previously cited on January 21, 2004, and thus, a copy is not provided herewith; and

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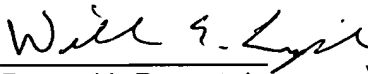
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted U.S. patent is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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